




Learn favorite foods and cover to attract your favorite wildlife

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Figuring out the habitat you want to provide for wildlife on your land can be complicated, especially if you have no one species in mind but instead want to have everything from bluebirds and butterflies to turkeys and quail on your land.

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	Favored Food	Favored Cover
	Seeds, including annual ragweed, foxtail, les-pedezas, partridge pea and waste grain. Seeds should be available on bare ground with overhead protection.	Bare ground interspersed with upright plants, including native "bunch" grass and forb mixtures. Also, annual forbs, shrubs and trees.
	Waste grain, especially corn, but also oats, wheat, barley and soybeans. Young eat insects such as beetles and grasshoppers. Weed seeds and legumes.	Dense, erect cool and warm-season grasses at least 8" high at nesting. Wetlands and tree and shrub shelterbelts for roosting.
	Poults eat insects, seeds and berries, while adults will eat anything from acorns and berries to insects and small reptiles. Favorite shrubs--wild grape, dogwood.	Open areas of grass/forb/legume mixtures for feeding and mating; forested areas as cover from predators and for roosting in trees at night.

Individual species have specific needs. What you do to provide habitat for one critter might be the wrong thing to do for another one. A good way to go about establishing habitat is to see us at the local NRCS office or talk with another trained wildlife biologist to develop a plan to maximize habitat.

The NRCS, state fish and game agencies, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and a number of wildlife organizations have biologists who can help.

Look for both financial and technical help to establish and maintain habitat over the long term.

The chart gives a quick overview of the basic food and cover needs of three popular wildlife species.

A number of USDA programs can help you establish wildlife habitat on land you own for the wildlife you want to attract.

Wildlife Ways Did you know....



USDA's Conservation Reserve Program has helped landowners triple the pheasant population in South Dakota recently. In Missouri, more than half the bobwhite nests are in CRP. Habitat is the key!